

## THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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*A Parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter*

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### THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 11, 2018

#### DIVINE WORSHIP ORDER OF HOLY MASS

Low Mass 8:00 am, Sung Mass 10:30am, Low Mass 6:00 pm

*See Mass card or Missalette*

#### Collect

Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty God: that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace, may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

#### First Reading

*2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23*

In those days: All the leading priests and the people were exceedingly unfaithful, following all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their fathers, sent persistently to them by his messengers, because he had compassion on his people and on his dwelling place; but they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising his words, and scoffing at his prophets, till the wrath of the Lord rose against his people, till there was no remedy. And the Chaldeans burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious vessels. The king of the Chaldeans took into exile in Babylon those who had escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and to his sons until the establishment of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days that it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom and also put it in writing: "Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, 'The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and he has charged me to build him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever is among you of all his people, may the Lord his God be with him. Let him go up.'"

*8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the First Reading.  
Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

#### Gradual

*Psalm 122:1,7*

I was glad when they said unto me:  
we will go into the house of the Lord.

V. Peace be within thy walls:  
and plenteousness within thy palaces.

#### Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:4-10*

Brethren: God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God -- not because of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

*8:00 am & 6:00 pm Masses said by lector and people after the Second Reading.  
Chanted by the choir at the 10:30 am Mass*

#### Tract

*Psalm 125:1,2*

They that put their trust in the Lord  
shall be even as the mount Sion:  
which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

V. The hills stand about Jerusalem:  
even so standeth the Lord round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

## The Holy Gospel

John 3:14-21

At that time: Jesus said to Nicodemus, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God sent the Son into the world, not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. He who believes in him is not condemned; he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only-begotten Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one who does evil hates the light, and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does what is true comes to the light, that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been wrought in God.



From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

**1969:** "The New Law practices the acts of religion: almsgiving, prayer and fasting, directing them to the "Father who sees in secret," in contrast with the desire to "be seen by men." Its prayer is the Our Father."



**Our Lost and Found** is becoming full again. If you or your children have lost a phone charger, cowboy boots, books, baby bottles, or clothing, please check the shelves by the water cooler in the parish hall.

Otherwise we will donate these things to charity.

### A. M. D. G.

**Flowers:** Lent-No Flowers

**Sanctuary Light:** The Southard family for the Blue family.

**Lamp at the Crucifix:** The Johnson family for healing for Christopher.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Our Lady:** Gerro Hayden in celebration of Faye Bernadette's 5th birthday.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Joseph:** Paul Denning for the men on retreat.

**Lamp at the Shrine of St. Therese:** The Oliver family in loving memory of Elizabeth Boyd.

**Lamp at the Shrine of Blessed Charles I:** The Oliver family in celebration of Becket Jones' birthday.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### Intercessions (Form III): Missalette page 29

**For those expecting children:** Carmen & Gary; Allie & Tim; Shannon & Brendan; Mary Elizabeth & Danny; Lisa & Adam; Karen & Kevin; Stephanie & Jeremy; Mary Pat & Sam.

**For those celebrating anniversaries:** *Sunday:* Michael Ortiz Celestino [B]; *Monday:* Curt Hall [B]; Mari Winward [B]; *Tuesday:* Dominic Laurange [B]; *Wednesday:* Anthony Emmanuel [B]; *Thursday:* Rick Coombs [B]; *Friday:* Isabella Heitzenrater [B]; *Saturday:* Glynnis Allen [B]; Marion & Mary Nesvadba [W].

**For those in special need:** Isabella; Jay; Christopher; George; Thomas; Monica; Irene; Nicolasa; Donna; Katie; Dan; Grant; Irene; Dorothy; Allan; Alexia; Charlotte; Noreen; Teresa; Ronald; Jennifer; John; Susan; Margaret; Bob; Scott; Colette; Colleen; Rebecca; Patricia; Laura Anne; Joseph; Carol; Cole; Melissa; Michael; Morgan; Kyle; Ann; Quin; Emma; Beverly; Shelli; Echo.

**For those serving in our armed forces:** Jason; Victor; Byron; Luke; Tommy; Christian; Chelsey; Dillon; Mathew; Alton; Annie; Josh; Sebastian; Brandon; James; Jacob.

### For the faithful departed:

**Anniversaries of Death:** *Monday:* Harlan A. Woods; Bertha Bates; James Bernard Behan; Bruce David Roberts; *Tuesday:* Maude Poindexter; Myrtle Parton Carpenter; *Wednesday:* Ella Allen; *Friday:* Mary Shumway; Harold Wanklin; *Saturday:* Joseph Korkmas; Elizabeth Boyd; Damase Webre.

## MUSIC

**Introit.....***Sung by choir*  
**KYRIE.....**Pg.21 in Mass Music booklet  
**Offertory Hymn.....**620  
**SANCTUS.....**Pg.21 in Mass Music booklet  
**Pater Noster.....**Pg.43 in Mass Music booklet  
**AGNUS DEI.....**Pg.22 in Mass Music booklet  
**Communion Hymn.....**302  
**Antem.....**"Have Mercy on Me, O Lord" by Thomas Tomkins

*Adult Choir meets on Thursdays at 7:00 pm.  
High School Schola and Youth Choir both meet after the  
10:30 Mass in two different rooms with pianos.*

**J**oin the Respect Life Office of the Diocese of Fort Worth in a celebration of **Humanae Vitae!** This conference will explore the prophetic genius of Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical, the revealed truth that contraception is intrinsically evil, and God's gift of marriage (between Man and Wife), an indissoluble covenant of love. **Presenters will be Dr. Janet Smith and Bishop Michael F. Olson, and the event will conclude with a panel discussion.** This event was also made possible through the generosity of WholeLife Authentic Care and Mother and Unborn Baby Care of North Texas. **We hope you will join us on Saturday, April 28, 2018 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Cathedral, Parish Hall! Go to [fwdioc.org/respect-life-events](http://fwdioc.org/respect-life-events).** Click on events to register or stop by the **SMV parish office for a registration form.**

# ST. MARY'S THIS WEEK

## Sunday, March 11

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm

Mothering Sunday

K of C Meeting at 9:15 am

High School Schola and Youth Choir both meet after the 10:30 Mass in two different rooms with pianos.

Safe Conversations at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall

## Monday, March 12

Mass at 12:00 pm

S.I. Christopher Johnson

## Tuesday, March 13

Mass at 7:00 pm

S.I. Marian Oliver Smith

## Wednesday, March 14

Confessions at 11:00 am

Mass at 12:00 pm.

S.I. All Souls

## Thursday, March 15

Mass at 12:00 pm

Men's Examen Group at 10:30 am

Adult Choir Rehearsal at 7:00 pm

## Friday, March 16

Mass at 9:00 am

S.I. Elizabeth Boyd, RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 am—6:00 pm

Fridays in Lent from 7:00-8:00 pm

## Saturday, March 17

Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Confessions at 10:00 am

S.I. Joseph Hayden, RIP

Saturday Morning Martyrs Men's Group at 8:00 am

## Sunday, March 18

Masses at 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 6:00 pm

Fathering Sunday

High School Schola and Youth Choir both meet after the 10:30 Mass in two different rooms with pianos.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS  
THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**



### The Parish Offering

Weekly Offertory Forecast.....	\$6,000.00
Actual Offertory Collected.....	\$5,698.00
Variance.....	—\$302.00

*Thank you for your loving support.*

## The Triduum Sacrum

### Maundy Thursday

Mass at 7:00pm.

The Watch at the Altar of Repose  
Beginning at 9:00 pm-11:30 am in the Church

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross at 12:00pm

Good Friday Liturgy at 7:00pm

### Holy Saturday

Liturgy of the Word at 9:00am

### Easter Vigil

Mass at 9:00pm

Celebratory Reception immediately following  
in the Parish Hall

Please call **Jacqui Payne at 817-821-4162**

for more info regarding what to bring

**There will be no 6:00 PM Mass on Easter Sunday**

Easter Egg Hunt following the 10:30am Mass

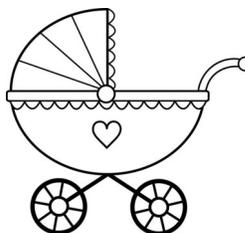
## Bishop's Annual Appeal Update

**The goal for our parish is \$23,000 and a total of \$12,700 has been pledged, which is about half of our goal.** Thank you. However, only 29 people or families have pledged. If you worship God here at St. Mary's through your attendance at Mass, even as you may be a student, a family on one income, or retired, then a part of our obligation to God is to respect our diocese that makes this possible. Our diocese is called the Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter, and our honor and respect is made visible in supporting our Bishop and his appeal. Being catholic means everyone or every family here at each Sunday or Daily Mass is to participate in the Appeal. You may not be able to give much, but as Pastor, I look forward to 100 % participation. Please take an envelope, from the Narthex home with you and prayerfully give to our Appeal.

**Fr. Dean**



The Knights of Columbus present their **1st Annual Trivia Night! SAVE THE DATE, Saturday, April 14th. Fun for the whole family. Details coming soon.**



**Scott & Lauren Blue** would like to announce the arrival of their **new baby boy, Benjamin Matthew Blue born on Thursday, March 8.** Mother and baby are fine. The Blue family asks for your continued prayers for their family.

To the Parishioners of St. Mary the Virgin,

For hundreds and hundreds of years before the Protestant deformation, when England was Catholic, today was known as Mothering Sunday; it was the first Mother's Day, and it was very much connected with the Church and with the liturgical season. On this day, Laetare Sunday, the Church relaxed a much more rigorous observance of Lent and the tradition of the young apprentices and girls who were servants to be granted a mid-Lent holiday to return to their "mother" church of baptism, as well as to their villages and homes to visit their families. Slowly the emphasis became solely towards mothers and the connection with faith and church became almost forgotten. As we remember mothers, past, present and to come; it is not simply an exercise in nostalgia to notice that "mothering Sunday" and as well as "Fathering Sunday" (next Sunday, closest to St. Joseph), that there was a time when the rhythm of life lived, was also lived in the rhythm of the church.

Whether it is Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday or Fathering Sunday, these ways show the richness of our Catholic identity through our traditions. We know the word "laetare" comes from the opening word of the Introit of the Mass: "Rejoice" Jerusalem. That text comes from Isaiah 66: 10. We are a little past the mid-point of Lent, and for most of the life of the church, the people underwent much more restrictive fasts and observed strict limits of behavior. The Church tradition evolved into Laetare Sunday, when there was a brief relaxation of the rules. Priests wear "rose" vestments. Marriages were not celebrated in Lent, but could be celebrated on this Sunday. Today, marriages are strongly discouraged in the season of Lent, but not prohibited.

"The rose vestments on Laetare Sunday is a custom originating in the fact that, as a symbol of joy and hope in the middle of this somber Season, popes used to carry a golden rose in their right hand when returning from the celebration of Mass on this day (way back in 1051, Pope Leo IX called this custom an "ancient institution.") Originally it was natural rose, then a single golden rose of natural size, but since the fifteenth century it has consisted of a cluster or branch of roses wrought of pure gold in brilliant workmanship by famous artists. The popes bless one every year, and often confer it upon churches, shrines, cities, or distinguished persons as a token of esteem and paternal affection. In case of such a bestowal, a new rose is made during the subsequent year." (Fisheaters.com.) Pope Benedict always gave a rose to Marian shrines or basilicas, including Our Lady of Fatima, Our Lady of Charity of El Cobre, patroness of Cuba, and Pope Francis gave one to Our Lady of Guadalupe in 2013.

This Sunday offers a day of hope and encouragement, knowing that Easter is at last within sight. Hopefully all of us have felt our Lenten observances, not only physically; in our "giving up" something for Lent, but also spiritually. Through our devotions this Lent, we are coming face-to-face with who we really are and gives us a glimpse of what it meant for our Lord to die on the cross. We know in our heart we can only do this through our confession, reciting the Way of the Cross and denying ourselves some of the pleasures we indulge in. The goal is to make Easter not just another Sunday with a ham dinner, but truly a day when we know what it means when we say death has been conquered. Easter is that signal event which rocked the world, and it should be a day of resurrection for our own spirituality and for our faith.

ad Jesum per Mariam, (to Jesus through Mary)  
Fr. Dean

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Priest: Please kneel for our prayer for vocations.  
Let us ask God to give worthy priests, brothers and sisters to His Holy Church.

**All:** O God, / we earnestly beseech Thee / to bless this Ordinarate / with many priests, / brothers / and sisters, / who will love Thee with their whole strength / and gladly spend their entire lives / to serve Thy Church / and to make Thee known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families. / Bless our children.

**All:** Choose from our homes / those who are needed for Thy work.

Priest: Mary, Queen of the Clergy!

**All:** Pray for us. Pray for our priests and religious.  
Obtain for us many more. Amen.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

**If you are scheduled to serve but unable to please  
arrange substitutes & call (817.460.2278) ASAP.**

**March 11**

8:00 am	Altar Server	John Williams
	Ushers	Nance FitzGibbon & Eli Castro
10:30am	Master of Ceremonies	Josh Vina
	Thurifer	Will Vina
	Crucifer	Luke Vina
	Torchbearers	Luke Garland / Nathan Brinkley
	Boat Boy	Paul Vina
	First Reading	Rease Parton
	Intercessory Prayers	Dorothy Ortiz
	Oblationers	The Bellinger Family
	Ushers	Mike Pratt / Bill Thomas
6:00pm	Altar Servers	Vincent Lohla / Paul Denning (C)
	Ushers	Charlene Schwartz / Maria Zichichi
	Office Help	Martin Durbec / Terry Southard